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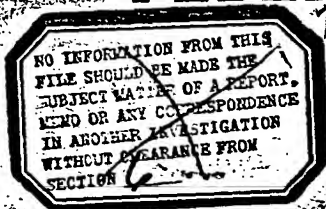
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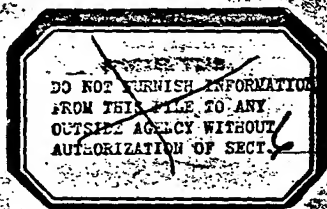
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TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: 2/18/53

FROM : SAC, Newark (100-36202)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Re New York letter to Los Angeles, 1/16/53.
Newark letter to New York 2/4/53.

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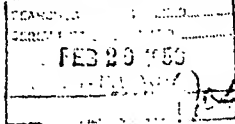
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February 19, 1953

SAC, New Orleans (100-14871)

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For the information of the Houston Office, there is forwarded herewith one copy of New York letter to Los Angeles dated January 16, 1953.

In complying with the provisions of referenced letter, the New Orleans Office is using the data furnished by [redacted] which was first set out in Houston teletype to New Orleans dated April 15, 1952, incorporated into the report of SA PAUL G. TAYLOR dated at New Orleans June 18, 1952, and elaborated upon in Houston letter to New Orleans dated August 14, 1952. b7d

Houston is requested to furnish New York the required background information regarding this informant as a possible witness.

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SAC, Cleveland

February 19, 1953

SAC, New Orleans (100-14871)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York letter to Los Angeles dated January 16, 1953.

In complying with the provisions of referenced letter, the New Orleans Office is identifying EIAINE ALLEN OBRINSKY with the Communist Party using information furnished by [redacted] set out in Cleveland letter to the Bureau dated November 25, 1952, captioned [redacted] SECURITY MATTER - C, Cleveland File [redacted]

Cleveland is requested to furnish New York the required background data regarding [redacted] as a possible witness.

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SAC, Philadelphia

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York letter to Los Angeles dated January 16, 1953.

In complying with the provisions of referenced letter, the New Orleans Office is identifying JANE HODES with the Communist Party using information supplied by [redacted] as furnished to SA FRANCIS J. SANDIN and set out in the report of SA JOE P. PARKER, Philadelphia, September 28, 1949, entitled "JANE HODES, was.; IS-C," Philadelphia File 100-5483. b7d

Philadelphia is requested to furnish New York the required background information regarding this source as a possible witness.

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PAGE 13 is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

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FROM : SAC, New Orleans (100-14871)

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Reurlet to Los Angeles dated January 16, 1953.

A. EVIDENCE THAT ORGANIZATION WAS IN EXISTENCE
SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1950

In February, 1952, witnesses received, through the mail, propaganda material emanating from the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y. Each witness received one copy of the 32-page pamphlet entitled "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" by WILLIAM A. REUBEN. In addition, each witness received one copy of a mimeographed cover letter bearing the signature of JOSEPH BRAININ, the signature also being mimeographed.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED]

Mrs. JANE HODES, 398 Broadway, New Orleans, Louisiana, called on the witness at his place of business in February, 1952. She had with her some pamphlets written by WILLIAM A. REUBEN entitled "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case." Mrs. HODES discussed the ROSENBERG case with the witness. From talking to her and from reading the pamphlet, he believed it entirely possible that the ROSENBERGS had not received complete justice and were possibly being "railroaded" because they were Jewish. He, therefore, gave JANE HODES a donation of \$2.00 to be used in the defense of the ROSENBERGS. She met with him about one-

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half dozen pamphlets and asked that he pass them out to anyone apparently interested and that he endeavor also to secure donations from any such person. About a week after she left the pamphlets, Mrs. HODES returned to [REDACTED] again. At that time he told her that he had approached a few people about contributing money in behalf of the ROSENBERGS but his suggestions had not been well received and no donations had been secured by him. HODES then stated that she had received \$25.00 for the cause. JANE HODES recontacted the witness on March 21, 1952, when she came [REDACTED] seeking another donation from him for the defense of the ROSENBERGS. On this date the witness initially declined to contribute, stating to Mrs. HODES that he was not sure that contributing to the ROSENBERGS' defense was the proper thing for him to do. Mrs. HODES seemed to feel so bad about the witness' apparent change in attitude that he finally gave her a \$5.00 donation. [REDACTED] b2d

JANE HODES on March 21, 1952, related that the appeals court had upheld the conviction and sentence of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG but the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was still fighting the conviction and had countered with a mass meeting in New York City. HODES stated that "we" feel the conviction and sentence are unfair and unduly severe and that the case would not have resulted thus "in another political atmosphere."

Special Agent PAUL G. TAYLOR
New Orleans Division

JANE HODES on April 3, 1952, attended a meeting of an interfaith group known as the Peace Education Committee set up by the New Orleans Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). She neither said nor did anything to draw attention to herself until just before the meeting broke up. She then made a statement about ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and the fact that they had been convicted of espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union and were sentenced to die. She told the group that the ROSENBERGS were "for peace" and that unless the verdict against them was somehow changed, those present and all others in the United States who are "for peace" were in danger of going to the gallows. Mrs. HODES, upon being told that the group did not

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know very much about the ROSENBERG case, said that she had just that morning received a letter about the case. She opened her handbag, produced several copies of the booklet, "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" by WILLIAM A. REVELL, and gave one of the pamphlets to each of those present.

On the evening of [REDACTED] at the invitation of JANE MILES, a group of about fifteen persons gathered at her home and witnessed a showing of a motion picture film entitled "Peace Will Win" which was produced by the Warsaw Information Bureau. The film was Communist propaganda dealing with the peace conference which started at Sheffield, England, in 1950 and was transferred to Warsaw, Poland. Among those present that evening was a Mr. LIEBERMAN, who was a house guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. MILES, and LIEBERMAN stated he was from New York City. LIEBERMAN did not have very much to say and the MILES seemed to be "keeping him under wraps." At the conclusion of the motion picture, LIEBERMAN commented on what a splendid film it was and he commented also on what a struggle the people of Russia and her neighboring nations were waging for peace.

[REDACTED] b7d

An individual who registered at a hotel as HENRY LIEBERMAN, 65-10 99th Street, Forest Hills, New York, arrived in Houston, Texas, on April 14, 1952.

[REDACTED]

LIEBERMAN stated he had been making a tour of the South to interest people in the ROSENBERG case [REDACTED] LIEBERMAN was driving a 1951 tan Ford station wagon bearing 1952 New York license SVP 30-909.

[REDACTED]

At 9:20 A. M. on April 16, 1952, a 1951 tan Ford station wagon bearing 1952 New York license SVP 30-909 was parked on Garfield Street at the rear entrance to the home of JANE and ROBERT MILES situated

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at 398 Broadway, New Orleans. An individual answering the physical description of HENRY LIEBERMAN, as furnished by [REDACTED] secured luggage from the station wagon and proceeded into the HODES residence via the back door. The above-described station wagon was seen at the HODES residence on subsequent dates, April 17 through April 19, 1952. b-7-D

Special Agent PAUL C. TAYLOR
New Orleans Division

On the evening of [REDACTED] witness attended a meeting at the home of JANE and ROBERT HODES, the purpose of which was the showing of a film based on the Warsaw Peace Conference of 1950 and to introduce a Mr. HENRY LIEBERMAN who spoke in behalf of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. LIEBERMAN was introduced after the showing of the film. He announced that he had taken a month off from his job to travel throughout the country and form local committees in behalf of the ROSENBERGS. LIEBERMAN advanced the claim that the ROSENBERGS were being persecuted for what they thought and not for what they did. He stated that the case concerned all because no one could tell who would be attacked next. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

On the night of [REDACTED] witness was among those present at a gathering at the home of JANE and ROBERT HODES, 398 Broadway, New Orleans. A motion picture was shown concerning the Warsaw Peace Conference. After the showing of the film, JANE HODES introduced a Mr. LIEBERMAN who, she indicated, was a guest at the house and who would talk to the group about the ROSENBERG case. LIEBERMAN based his talk on the pamphlet "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" by WILLIAM A. REUBEN. He told the gathering that the ROSENBERGS felt as he himself felt and a million other American people, saying, "We want peace not war and if the ROSENBERGS are going to be put to death for that, it is time that we who are still free do something about it." LIEBERMAN said that he thought a committee should be set up in New Orleans and be in contact with the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. ROBERT HODES interrupted at this point and stated that the setting up of a local committee in behalf of the ROSENBERGS would be taken care of later. ROBERT HODES then told the gathering that Mr. LIEBERMAN had been b7D

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very modest in not telling all that he, LIEBERMAN, had done for the ROSENBERG case. Mr. HODES related that LIEBERMAN had given up his job in New York and had financed his tour himself. HODES asked for donations requesting that those present give generously because it was for a worthy cause in that the money received would go for the defense of the ROSENBERGS.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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A photograph of DOROTHY SPIKER was viewed by the witness who stated that this individual could be the same person who was chosen as

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chairman of the local ROSENBERG committee. She looked very much like her but witness could not be positive in his identification.

[REDACTED]

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B. IDENTIFICATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERSONS
ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

JANE HODES is a Communist Party member in New Orleans and in April, 1951, she was in charge of the Professional Group in the Communist Party Fund Drive.

[REDACTED]

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As of January 6, 1947, JANE HODES was financial secretary of the Professional Section, Communist Party, U.S.A., District 3, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

[REDACTED]

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HENRY LIPBERMAN is the subject of New York case file 100-93332 entitled "HENRY LIPBERMAN; SECURITY MATTER - C."

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The name BOB HODES who was assigned 1945 Membership Card 87657 appeared on a list of members of a club in the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was indicated that HODES had paid his dues through March, 1945.

Trash cover on the residence of
EVELYN EITLAN, Membership Director
of the Professional Section of the
Communist Political Association, 3728
W. Huntington Street, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania. (T-1 in report of SA
JOHN P. WHITE, Philadelphia, June 19,
1945, entitled "ROBERT HODES, was.;
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The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Communist Party Registration Card 77504 for the year 1947 bore no name; however, this card which was dated

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November 4, 1946, reflected the owner was a member of the Science Club, Professional Section, was an employed white man, age 32, had been in the Communist Party for six years, was doing medical research in a university, was of American-Jewish origin, a member of the American Association of Scientific Workers, and a member of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Because of the data appearing on this card, the source believed it could have been issued to no one other than ROBERT HODES.

An anonymous source set out as Confidential Source T-4 in report of SA JOE E. PARKER, August 19, 1949, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entitled, "ROBERT HODES; SECURITY MATTER - C."

WINIFRED FEISE is a member of the Communist Party in New Orleans. She regularly attended State Board meetings of the Communist Party when they were held in 1952.

[REDACTED] b-7-D
ELAINE ALLEN OBRINSKY is known to the witness as a member of the Communist Party in New Orleans.

[REDACTED] b7D
Confidential informants do not know DOROTHY SPINER to be a member of the Communist Party; however, this individual is a Security Index subject of the New Orleans Division by reason of activity in the Progressive Party, Civil Rights Congress, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and New Orleans Youth Council.

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C. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM
THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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APPENDIX I.

Witnesses

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
He was interviewed by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR in March, 1952. The material which he received from subject committee was referred by him upon receipt to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that the issue of anti-Semitism raised by the Committee's literature appeared false to him and in consulting [REDACTED] he was endeavoring to determine whether the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was a Communist front as he suspected it might be. (New Orleans File 100-14871-23) It is believed that [REDACTED] would make a good witness.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was interviewed by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR in March, 1952. The material which he had received from subject committee was referred by him upon receipt to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that the issue of anti-Semitism raised by the Committee's literature appeared false to him and the literature impressed him as being probably Communist propaganda. (NO File 100-14871-23) It is believed [REDACTED] would make a good witness.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] upon receipt of
literature from subject committee, turned it over to
[REDACTED] who referred it to
[REDACTED] was not directly interviewed. (NO FILE
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He stated that
sometime, probably in the latter part of the year 1951,
he [REDACTED] received an invitation to a
gathering at the HODES home, 398 Broadway, and at-
tended a gathering there. He stated that about 20
persons were present and drinks were served. A man
who had been to China as a missionary addressed the
group. [REDACTED] stated this man did not talk about
Communism but rather about the people of China and
[REDACTED] regarded his talk as nonpolitical. He re-
called that a donation was taken up afterwards, the
purpose of which he could not remember.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that
believes as he does that Mrs. HODES might be a Com-
munist and both of them, therefore, are reluctant to
become closely identified with her. He stated his
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principal reason for considering Mrs. HODES to be possibly a Communist is that she seems to be somewhat of a fanatic, especially in her attitude of social equality for Negroes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR March 21 and March 24, 1952. (NO File 100-14871-14) He was again interviewed by SA TAYLOR on September 30, 1952, at which time he stated Mrs. HODES has never again contacted him and that no further request for funds had been received by him from any source and no additional propaganda material regarding the ROSENBERG case has been furnished to him. He indicated, however, that since shortly after his initial donation to the cause made through Mrs. HODES, he has been receiving the "National Guardian" regularly. He did not knowingly pay for any subscription and has never been billed. Material regarding the ROSENBERGS frequently appears in the National Guardian and [REDACTED] suspects that Mrs. HODES arranged for him to receive it. [REDACTED] seemed moderately well-pleased with the "National Guardian" and stated "There is a lot of good stuff in there that other papers don't print." (NO File 100-14871-Instant letter) [REDACTED] attitude toward testifying is not known. It is believed, however, that he would be at best a fair witness.

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[REDACTED]

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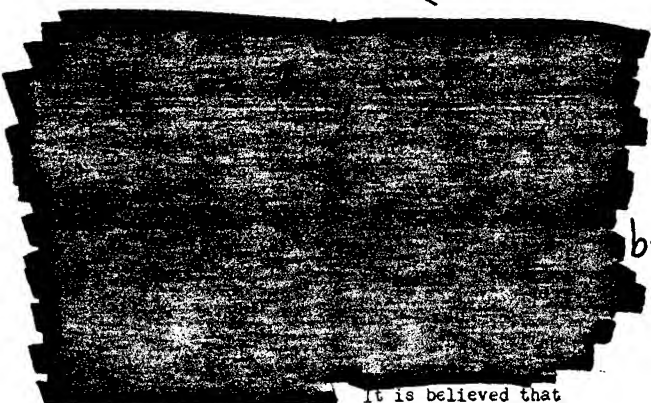
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[REDACTED] b7d

An individual who registered at a hotel as HENRY LIEBERMAN, 65-10 99th Street, Forest Hills, New York, arrived in Houston, Texas, on April 14, 1952.

[REDACTED]

LIEBERMAN stated he had been making a tour of the South to interest people in the ROSENBERG case. [REDACTED] LIEBERMAN was driving a 1951 tan Ford station wagon bearing 1952 New York license SUB 30-909.

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At 9:20 A. M. on April 16, 1952, a 1951 tan Ford station wagon bearing 1952 New York license SUB 30-909 was parked on Garfield Street at the rear entrance to the home of JANE and ROBERT RHODES situated

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On the evening of [redacted] witness attended a meeting at the home of JANE and ROBERT HODES, the purpose of which was the showing of a film based on the Warsaw Peace Conference of 1950 and to introduce a Mr. HENRY LIEBERMAN who spoke in behalf of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. LIEBERMAN was introduced after the showing of the film. He announced that he had taken a month off from his job to travel throughout the country and form local committees in behalf of the ROSENBERGS. LIEBERMAN advanced the claim that the ROSENBERGS were being persecuted for what they thought and not for what they did. He stated that the case concerned all because no one could tell who would be attacked next. b7d

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very modest in not telling all that he, LIEBERMAN, had done for the ROSENBERG case. Mr. HODES related that LIEBERMAN had given up his job in New York and had financed his tour himself. HODES asked for donations requesting that those present give generously because it was for a worthy cause in that the money received would go for the defense of the ROSENBERGS.

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b-7-D

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A photograph of DOROTHY SPIKER was viewed by the witness who stated that this individual could be the same person who was chosen as

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chairman of the local ROSENBERG committee. She looked very much like her but witness could not be positive in his identification.

[REDACTED] b-7-D

B. IDENTIFICATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERSONS
ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

JANE HODES is a Communist Party member in New Orleans and in April, 1951, she was in charge of the Professional Group in the Communist Party Fund Drive.

[REDACTED] b-7-D

As of January 6, 1947, JANE HODES was financial secretary of the Professional Section, Communist Party, U.S.A., District 3, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

[REDACTED] b7d

HENRY LIFBERMAN is the subject of New York case file 100-93332 entitled "HENRY LIFBERMAN; SECURITY MATTER - C."

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The name BOB HODES who was assigned 1945 Membership Card 87657 appeared on a list of members of a club in the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was indicated that HODES had paid his dues through March, 1945.

Trash cover on the residence of EVELYN BEILAN, Membership Director of the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association, 3728 W. Huntington Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (T-1 in report of SA JOHN B. WHITE, Philadelphia, June 19, 1945, entitled "ROBERT HODES, was.; SECURITY MATTER - C.")

The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Communist Party Registration Card 77504 for the year 1947 bore no name; however, this card which was dated

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November 4, 1946, reflected the owner was a member of the Science Club, Professional Section, was an employed white man, age 32, had been in the Communist Party for six years, was doing medical research in a university, was of American-Jewish origin, a member of the American Association of Scientific Workers, and a member of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Because of the data appearing on this card, the source believed it could have been issued to no one other than ROBERT HODES.

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WINIFRED FEISE is a member of the Communist Party in New Orleans. She regularly attended State Board meetings of the Communist Party when they were held in 1952.

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ELAINE ALLEN OBRINSKY is known to the witness as a member of the Communist Party in New Orleans.

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Confidential informants do not know DOROTHY SPIKER to be a member of the Communist Party; however, this individual is a Security Index subject of the New Orleans Division by reason of activity in the Progressive Party, Civil Rights Congress, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and New Orleans Youth Council.

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C. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM
THE COMMUNIST PARTY


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[REDACTED] who referred it to [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He stated that
sometime, probably in the latter part of the year 1951,
he [REDACTED] received an invitation to a
gathering at the [REDACTED] home, 398 Broadway, and at-
tended a gathering there. He stated that about 20
persons were present and drinks were served. A man
who had been to China as a missionary addressed the
group. [REDACTED] stated this man did not talk about
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[REDACTED] regarded his talk as nonpolitical. He re-
membered that a donation was taken up afterwards, the
purpose of which he could not remember.

[REDACTED]
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munist and both of them, therefore, are reluctant to
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[REDACTED]

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know very much about the ROSENBERG case, said that she had just that morning received a letter about the case. She opened her handbag, produced several copies of the booklet, "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" by WILLIAM A. REUBEN, and gave one of the pamphlets to each of those present.

On the evening of [REDACTED] at the invitation of JANE HODES, a group of about fifteen persons gathered at her home and witnessed a showing of a motion picture film entitled "Peace Will Win" which was produced by the Warsaw Information Bureau. The film was Communist propaganda dealing with the peace conference which started at Sheffield, England, in 1950 and was transferred to Warsaw, Poland. Among those present that evening was a Mr. LIEBERMAN, who was a house guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. HODES, and LIEBERMAN stated he was from New York City. LIEBERMAN did not have very much to say and the HODESES seemed to be "keeping him under wraps." At the conclusion of the motion picture, LIEBERMAN commented on what a splendid film it was and he commented also on what a struggle the people of Russia and her neighboring nations were waging for peace.

[REDACTED] b7d

An individual who registered at a hotel as HENRY LIEBERMAN, 65-10 99th Street, Forest Hills, New York, arrived in Houston, Texas on April 14, 1952.

[REDACTED]

LIEBERMAN stated he had been making a tour of the South to interview people in the ROSENBERG case.

[REDACTED]

LIEBERMAN was driving a 1951 tan Ford Station Wagon bearing 1952 New York license SUB 30-909.

[REDACTED] b-7-D

At 9:20 A. M. on April 16, 1952, a 1951 tan Ford station wagon bearing 1952 New York license STB 30-909 was parked on Garfield Street at the rear entrance to the home of JANE and ROBERT HODES situated

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at 398 Broadway, New Orleans. An individual answering the physical description of HENRY LIEBERMAN, as furnished by [REDACTED] secured luggage from the station wagon and proceeded into the HODES residence via the back door. The above-described station wagon was seen at the HODES residence on subsequent dates, April 17 through April 19, 1952. b-7-D

Special Agent PAUL G. TAYLOR
New Orleans Division

On the evening of [REDACTED] witness attended a meeting at the home of JANE and ROBERT HODES, the purpose of which was the showing of a film based on the Warsaw Peace Conference of 1950 and to introduce a Mr. HENRY LIEBERMAN who spoke in behalf of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. LIEBERMAN was introduced after the showing of the film. He announced that he had taken a month off from his job to travel throughout the country and form local committees in behalf of the ROSENBERGS. LIEBERMAN advanced the claim that the ROSENBERGS were being persecuted for what they thought and not for what they did. He stated that the case concerned all because no one could tell who would be attacked next. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

On the night of [REDACTED] witness was among those present at a gathering at the home of JANE and ROBERT HODES, 398 Broadway, New Orleans. A motion picture was shown concerning the Warsaw Peace Conference. After the showing of the film, JANE HODES introduced a Mr. LIEBERMAN who, she indicated, was a guest at the house and who would talk to the group about the ROSENBERG case. LIEBERMAN based his talk on the pamphlet "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" by WILLIAM A. REUBEN. He told the gathering that the ROSENBERGS felt as he himself felt and a million other American people, saying, "We want peace not war and if the ROSENBERGS are going to be put to death for that, it is time that we who are still free do something about it." LIEBERMAN said that he thought a committee should be set up in New Orleans and be in contact with the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. ROBERT HODES interrupted at this point and stated that the setting up of a local committee in behalf of the ROSENBERGS would be taken care of later. ROBERT HODES then told the gathering that Mr. LIEBERMAN had been

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very modest in not telling all that he, LIEBERMAN, had done for the ROSENBERG case. Mr. HODES related that LIEBERMAN had given up his job in New York and had financed his tour himself. HODES asked for donations requesting that those present give generously because it was for a worthy cause in that the money received would go for the defense of the ROSENBERGS.

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A photograph of DOROTHY SPIKER was viewed by the witness who stated that this individual could be the same person who was chosen as

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chairman of the local ROSENBERG committee. She looked very much like her but witness could not be positive in his identification.

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B. IDENTIFICATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERSONS
ACTIVE IN BEHALF OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

JANE HODES is a Communist Party member in New Orleans and in April, 1951, she was in charge of the Professional Group in the Communist Party Fund Drive.

[REDACTED]

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As of January 6, 1947, JANE HODES was financial secretary of the Professional Section, Communist Party, U.S.A., District 3, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

[REDACTED] b7d

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HENRY LIFBERMAN is the subject of New York case file 100-93332 entitled "HENRY LIFBERMAN; SECURITY MATTER - C."

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The name BOB HODES who was assigned 1945 Membership Card 87657 appeared on a list of members of a club in the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was indicated that HODES had paid his dues through March, 1945.

Trash cover on the residence of EVELYN BEILAN, Membership Director of the Professional Section of the Communist Political Association, 3728 W. Huntington Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (T-1 in report of SA JOHN B. WHITE, Philadelphia, June 19, 1945, entitled "ROBERT HODES, was.; SECURITY MATTER - C."

fact
The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Communist Party Registration Card 77504 for the year 1947 bore no name; however, this card which was dated

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November 4, 1946, reflected the owner was a member of the Science Club, Professional Section, was an employed white man, age 32, had been in the Communist Party for six years, was doing medical research in a university, was of American-Jewish origin, a member of the American Association of Scientific Workers, and a member of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Because of the data appearing on this card, the source believed it could have been issued to no one other than ROBERT HODES.

An anonymous source set out as Confidential Source T-4 in report of SA JOE E. PARKER, August 19, 1949, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entitled, "ROBERT HODES; SECURITY MATTER - C."

WINIFRED FEISE is a member of the Communist Party in New Orleans. She regularly attended State Board meetings of the Communist Party when they were held in 1952.


ELAINE ALLEN OBRINSKY is known to the witness as a member of the Communist Party in New Orleans.

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Confidential informants do not know DOROTHY SPIKER to be a member of the Communist Party; however, this individual is a Security Index subject of the New Orleans Division by reason of activity in the Progressive Party, Civil Rights Congress, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and New Orleans Youth Council.

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C. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM
THE COMMUNIST PARTY


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APPENDIX I.

Witnesses

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
He was interviewed by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR in March, 1952. The material which he received from subject committee was referred by him upon receipt to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that the issue of anti-Semitism raised by the Committee's literature appeared false to him and in consulting [REDACTED] he was endeavoring to determine whether the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was a Communist front as he suspected it might be. (New Orleans File 100-14871-23) It is believed that [REDACTED] would make a good witness.
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was interviewed by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR in March, 1952. The material which he had received from subject committee was referred by him upon receipt to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that the issue of anti-Semitism raised by the Committee's literature appeared false to him and the literature impressed him as being probably Communist propaganda. (NO File 100-14871-23) It is believed [REDACTED] would make a good witness.
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] upon receipt of
literature from subject committee, turned it over to
[REDACTED] who referred it to
[REDACTED] as not directly interviewed. (NO file
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He stated that
sometime, probably in the latter part of the year 1951,
he [REDACTED] received an invitation to a
gathering at the HODES home, 398 Broadway, and at-
tended a gathering there. He stated that about 20
persons were present and drinks were served. A man
who had been to China as a missionary addressed the
group. [REDACTED] stated this man did not talk about
Communism but rather about the people of China and
[REDACTED] regarded his talk as nonpolitical. He re-
called that a donation was taken up afterwards, the
purpose of which he could not remember. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that
believes as he does that Mrs. HODES might be a Com-
munist and both of them, therefore, are reluctant to
become closely identified with her. He stated his
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principal reason for considering Mrs. HODES to be possibly a Communist is that she seems to be somewhat of a fanatic, especially in her attitude of social equality for Negroes.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR March 21 and March 24, 1952. (NO File 100-14871-14) He was again interviewed by SA TAYLOR on September 30, 1952, at which time he stated Mrs. HODES has never again contacted him and that no further request for funds had been received by him from any source and no additional propaganda material regarding the ROSENBERG case has been furnished to him. He indicated, however, that since shortly after his initial donation to the cause made through Mrs. HODES, he has been receiving the "National Guardian" regularly. He did not knowingly pay for any subscription and has never been billed. Material regarding the ROSENBERGS frequently appears in the National Guardian and [REDACTED] suspects that Mrs. HODES arranged for him to receive it. [REDACTED] seemed moderately well-pleased with the "National Guardian" and stated "There is a lot of good stuff in there that other papers don't print." (NO File 100-14871-instant letter) [REDACTED] attitude toward testifying is not known. It is believed, however, that he would be at best a fair witness. b7d

[REDACTED] The information attributed to him which is set out in this letter was furnished orally to SA PAUL G. TAYLOR on April 29, 1952. (NO File 100-14830-8) When initially contacted by SA TAYLOR on April 8, 1952, [REDACTED] stated that from years of experience in the [REDACTED] field [REDACTED]

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he feels sufficiently familiar with Communists and their tactics to readily recognize one in action. (NO File 100-14830-6) His attitude toward testifying is not known but it is thought he would make a good witness.

[REDACTED]

Data furnished by this informant, of the Houston Office, was given orally to SA ROLAND S. TORN on April 14, 1952, and was later furnished in a written report form by the informant which was received by SA TOLAND S. TORN May 2, 1952. The written report is maintained in Houston File [REDACTED] Houston has been requested to supply New York with the required background information pertaining to the informant. b-7-D

SA PAUL G. TAYLOR
New Orleans Division

Statement of JANE HODES made to SA TAYLOR on March 21, 1952, occurred in the course of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO
File 100-13056-114) Data regarding the presence of b-7-E
HENRY LIEBERMAN and his station wagon at the residence of JANE and ROBERT HODES was secured through spot surveillances of 398 Broadway made by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR. (NO File 100-14871-23)

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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It is believed that
she would make only a fair witness.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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She is intelligent and would make a good
witness.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b-7-D

The information furnished by this informant identifying JANE HODES with the Communist Party was furnished orally to SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR. April 25, 1951, and his filed [REDACTED] Data regarding WINIFRED FEISE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR. and RICHARD VOLKMER, JR. on April 18, 1952, [REDACTED] orally to SA RICHARD L. VOLKMER, JR. on May 19, 1952, [REDACTED] orally to SA RICHARD L. VOLKMER, JR., June 23, 1952, [REDACTED]

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Data attributed to this informant was received by SA FRANCIS J. SANDIN on January 6, 1947. It appears in Philadelphia File 100-5483, the report of SA JOE P. PARKER, Philadelphia, September 28, 1949, entitled "JANE HODES, was.; IS-C." Philadelphia has been requested to supply New York with the desired background information pertaining to this source.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cleveland has been requested to supply New York with the desired background information pertaining to this individual.

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Information attributed to this individual in the body of this letter was given by him orally to SA'S JAMES E. GILLEY and ALFRED L. ANDERSON of the Cleveland Office November 19, 1952. In New Orleans, an account of this interview was filed as 100-14190-87.

[REDACTED]

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It is believed he would make a good witness.

The information which appears in the body of this letter as being attributed to [REDACTED] was furnished orally to SA RICHARD L. VOPLER, JR. on April 7, 1952. It appears in [REDACTED]

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APPENDIX II.

Exhibits

Forwarded herewith to the New York Office are two copies of the pamphlet, "To Secure Justice in the Posenberg Case," by WILLIAM A. REUBEN and one undated mimeographed letter bearing the mimeographed signature of JOSEPH BRAININ. The letter and one copy of the pamphlet bear the autographic initials of SA PAUL G. TAYLOR, the date March 21, 1952, and the notation "They were furnished the agent by [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED]

The second copy of WILLIAM A. REUBEN

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REUBEN'S pamphlet bears the autographic initials of SA PAUL G. TAYLOR, the date March 21, 1952, and the notation [REDACTED] This was furnished agent by [REDACTED] who indicated it was one of several which JANE RODES had left with him for distribution.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW ORLEANS**

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-18-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-2, 5, 8-52	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT F. COOPER, JR. RPC:do
TITLE Mrs. WALTER ROGERS, was. Elizabeth Rogers, Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins, Elizabeth Cousins Rogers, Elizabeth Schlosser Cousins			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ELIZABETH COUSINS ROGERS now resides with husband, WALTER ROGERS, at 2622 St. Maurice St., New Orleans, La. She maintains P. O. Box 1294 listed as the address for the Victory Library. In past Victory Library reported as distributing literature favorable to Soviet Union. In September, 1950, subject and husband endeavored to have the publication, "Political Affairs," publish a book written by them entitled "Labor, Roll Your Big Wheels." "Political Affairs" has been cited by the U. S. House Committee on Un-American Activities as an "official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ." This book stated by subject to show "what dangers beset union and party work in the field, during the period of 'Browderism.'" "Political Affairs" reported as refused to publish book and strongly criticized same.

[REDACTED] Subject and husband reported to make small contributions to some organizations within purview of Executive Order 9835. Informant states subject and husband not known as Communist Party members in New Orleans or attending Communist Party meetings here.

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

All individuals designated by T symbols in this report are of known reliability unless the contrary is indicated.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

As of July 16, 1951, subject, as Mrs. EALTER ROGERS, listed her address in New Orleans to be 2622 St. Maurice Street. She stated that her former address was 903 Orleans Street here.

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BUSINESS ADDRESS

The subject maintains Post Office Box 1294, which she has had since 1942, located in the Main Post Office, 600 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The box is maintained in her name as Mrs. ELIZABETH COUSINS ROGERS, home address 2622 St. Maurice Street. The Post Office box is the address for the Victory Library, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The subject is considered to be an old lady and she continuously receives a considerable amount of literature through the Victory Library.

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II. VICTORY LIBRARY AND RELATION TO COMMUNIST PARTY PUBLICATIONS

As of September 5, 1952, mail to the Victory Library in New Orleans was channelled to Post Office Box 1294. This box was opened in 1942 by the subject.

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In October, 1943, the subject was active in New Orleans in distributing gift books bearing the stamp of "Victory Library." An examination of some of these books by the informant reflected that they were relating to and very favorable to the Soviet Union. Informant said that the

stamp of the Victory Library was described as stating "Gift book of the Victory Library. Read and pass it on."

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A greeting was extended on April 9, 1949, by ELIZABETH ROGERS to the editors of the Daily Worker for May Day. \$5.00 was given by the subject representing the Victory Library, Box 1294, New Orleans, Louisiana, in payment for one inch in the May Day edition of the Daily Worker which was to read as follows: "Greetings from WALTER & ELIZABETH ROGERS Authors of JOHN DONAH: COMMON MAN."

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As of September 2, 1950, the subject and her husband, WALTER ROGERS, furnished to the Editor, "Political Affairs," 832 Broadway, New York City, a manuscript entitled "Labor, Roll Your Big Wheels." In describing this work, the subject stated that it "shows what dangers beset union and party work in the field, during the period of 'Browderism.'"

The subject requested that the editor do everything possible in order to get the work published.

The subject was reported as advised on October 12, 1950, by the Editor, "Political Affairs," in regard to their book, "Labor, Roll Your Big Wheels," as follows: That the objective effect of the book was to create an unfavorable picture of the Communist Party, that the book covers a period of struggle against world fascism and of struggle against American imperialism, but that the book does not reflect these basic facts nor the role of the Communist Party in these situations. The ROGERSSES were informed in view of the above, the publication of their book would not serve the best interest of the working class.

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"Political Affairs" is a publication cited as an "official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ." "Political Affairs, formerly known as The Communist, 'a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the Communist Party of the United States of America,' now calls itself 'a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.' Its chief editor is EUGENE DENNIS, Executive Secretary of the party." (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 1920, May 11, 1948, pp. 5 and 36; also cited in Report No. 209, April 1, 1947, p. 25.)

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"Political Affairs" has been listed as the new name for the monthly ideological publication of the Communist Party, The Communist. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1948, p. 252.)

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At the present time, the subject and her husband are not known to be distributing literature in New Orleans, Louisiana, for the Victory Library.

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The "Daily People's World" is a Communist dominated and controlled newspaper published in San Francisco.

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III. STATUS IN RELATION TO COMMUNIST PARTY IN NEW ORLEANS

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Subject and her husband are reported unknown to be affiliated with the Communist Party in New Orleans at the present time or to attend any of its functions.

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IV. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS LISTED
WITHIN PURVIEW OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835

On March 23, 1952, ELIZABETH ROGERS contributed \$2.00 to the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 114 East 32nd Street, New York City.

On March 25, 1952, WALTER ROGERS, subject's husband, contributed \$5.00 to the Civil Rights Congress, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

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The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc. and the Civil Rights Congress are organizations within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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On March 25, 1952, ELIZABETH ROGERS contributed \$5.67 to the Liberty Book Club, 1123 Broadway, New York City.

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[REDACTED] According to this informant, the New York City
formed was the Liberty Book Club with headquarters at 1123 Broadway, New
York City.

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As of April 16, 1952, ELIZABETH COUSINS ROBBERS, who then listed
address as Post Office Box 1294, New Orleans, Louisiana, complained to the
editors of the Daily Worker and Worker, 50 East 13th Street, New York City,
regarding the paper's procedure in renewing subscriptions. She stated that
the method was antiquated because the circulation department was still using
a misleading form letter. She said that when everyone was working so hard
to get progressive papers distributed, a system of this type presented a
handicap.

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The Daily Worker and Worker are East Coast Communist publications.

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V. ATTENDANCE AT PROGRESSIVE PARTY
MEETING AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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The National Wallace for President Committee included some several
hundred members throughout the United States and following HENRY WALLACE'S
announcement of his independent candidacy for President, he appointed the
officers of the National Wallace for President Committee. Prior to the
founding convention of the Progressive Party, a pamphlet was issued by the
National Wallace for President Committee captioned "Call to the National
Founding Convention of the New Political Party at Convention Hall, Phila-
delphia, July 23, 24 and 25, 1948." The pamphlet was directed to state
parties which supported the WALLACE-TAYLOR candidacy for President and Vice-
President of the United States respectively, and State Wallace for President
Committees.

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The Progressive Citizens of America has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a "new and broader front for the entire United States" formed in September, 1946, at the direction of "Communist steering committees," the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

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At the time the Progressive Party was formed at New Orleans in 1948, Communist Party members played an important part in its organization. Although the Progressive Party was infiltrated by the Communist Party, it was not dominated and controlled by it. Subsequent to the national election, in which all Progressive Party candidates were defeated, a small group calling itself the Progressive Party continued to function and this group was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party.

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

The subject is described as follows:

Age	61
Born	4-9-91
Place of Birth	Ceyuga County, New York
Height	5' 10"
Weight	140 pounds
Race	White
Sex	Female
Hair	Blonde, graying
Eyes	Gray

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INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
T-1 [REDACTED] designated confidential at his request.	Subject's address	9-8-52	SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.	100-4262, instant report
T-2 [REDACTED] designated confidential at his request.	Subject's Post Office box	9-8-52	SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.	100-4262, instant report
T-3 [REDACTED]	Information on Victory Library	October, 1943	SA ORIAN R. KENNEDY	100-4262-246, pp. 1 and 2
T-4 CS NY 426	4-9-49 May Day greetings	3-27-52	SA J. E. GIELER and SA A. F. FALLER	100-44764-7
	September, 1950, information on book "Labor, Roll Your Big Wheels"	6-21-51	SA E. K. DEANE and SA A. E. FALLER	100-4262-253 and 100-4262-1A-17
	4-16-52 Complaint to Daily Worker	4-22-52	SA E. K. DEANE and SA S. W. JENNINGS	100-4262-266 and 100-4262-1A-20

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T-5 [REDACTED]	Subject and husband not known to distribute literature for Victory Library	9-5-52	SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR., orally	100-4262, instant report
	Subject and husband not active in Communist Party in New Orleans	9-5-52	SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR., orally	100-4262, instant report

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Information re Progressive Party Documentation not necessary

T-6 [REDACTED]	Negative	9-8-52	SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR., orally	100-4262, instant report
T-7 [REDACTED]	Negative	9-2-52	SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR., orally	100-4262, instant report
T-8 [REDACTED]		5-7-51	SA WILBERT R. KEHE	100-4262-251

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designated confidential at her request.		11-15-51	SA FRED R. ELLEDGE	100-4262-258 and 100-4262-1f-19
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T-10 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	December, 1951, and January, 1952	SA PAUL G. TAYLOR, orally	100-4262-257 b-7-D
T-11 [REDACTED]	March, 1952 Contributions to organizations	3-26-52	SA RICHARD L. VOELKER, JR.	100-4262-260
[REDACTED] designated confidential at her request.				
T-12 [REDACTED]	Liberty Book Club	Documentation not necessary		
T-13 ND 426, confidential source of New York Office, set out in report of SA JOSEPH A. CULLEN dated 1-18-49 entitled "PROGRESSIVE PARTY; IS-C."	National Wallace for President Committee	Documentation not necessary		100-13776-53
T-14 [REDACTED]	Progressive Citizens of America	Documentation not necessary		100-14570-26 b-2
T-15 [REDACTED]	Progressive Citizens of America	Documentation not necessary		100-14570-26 b-2
T-16 Records, Registrar of Voters, Orleans Parish, La.	Description and birth date, as of 1944	7-21-50	SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.	100-4262-243, p.3

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA WRIGHT PATTON dated January 8, 1951, at New Orleans.

Bureau letter to New Orleans dated January 26, 1951.

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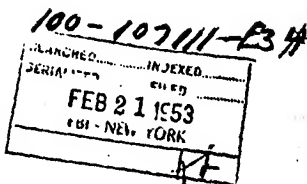
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DATE: 2-25-53

Reurlet dated January 16, 1953.

Informants hereinafter mentioned are of known reliability and unless otherwise indicated are not available to testify as they are unexposed and live.

In this letter the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case will be referred to as NCSJRC and the St. Louis branch of this organization as SLCSJRC.

I. EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS
 SUBSTANTIALLY DIRECTED, DOMINATED, OR
 CONTROLLED BY THE CP, USA

[REDACTED] DAVID ALMAN, who has been described by [REDACTED] of known reliability, as Executive Secretary of the NCSJRC. SOL DERNAN who informant described as the principal official in the Communist dominated and controlled Progressive Party of Missouri in the St. Louis area and who has been further described by [REDACTED] of known reliability, as having been organizer for the Professional Branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis during 1946. DOUGLAS MAC LEOD, [REDACTED] was an active member of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis during 1946, [REDACTED] serves as legal counsel for the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, explained treason as defined by the U. S. Constitution. He attempted to show that the trials in Foley Square as well as other trials at present, including the ROSENBERG trial, were all in violation of the constitution as were the Smith Act and the McCarran Act. He suggested that the Bill of Rights had been torn into scraps of paper.

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[REDACTED] has advised that MARY E. FERGUSON is Secretary of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions which this informant has stated for the most part follows the line of the Communist Party and extolls the virtues of the Soviet Union, and that a number of speeches in this connection have been given before this organization during recent years by out of town speakers. The same informant has stated that for several years the Chairman of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been Dr. SOL LONDE, who has been described by [REDACTED] as having been a member of the sub rosa branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a paper was passed around for signatures for the petition on the ROSENBERG case and money was solicited to enable them to get a new trial in the Supreme Court.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has advised that the St. Louis Peace Committee was formed by District 21, Communist Party, USA, to disseminate propaganda in the furtherance of the current Communist Party line of agitating for peace. This informant stated that the St. Louis Peace Committee has at all times been under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] copies of the "Amicus Brief in the ROSENBERG Case" had been passed around for all those present to sign.

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██████████ advised that MARY FERGUSON is the Secretary of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions in St. Louis.

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there were several petitions, "Amicus Brief in the ROSENBERG Case," and a container for donations in evidence.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], which contained an enclosure, "A Call to Conference," by the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, which announced a midwestern conference to be held on August 17, 1952. b-7-D

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that a statement had been made asking people to come to Chicago to a conference to help the ROSENBERGS. b-7-D

[REDACTED] has stated that the Progressive Party of Missouri, since its inception, has been under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party. b-7-D

[REDACTED] received a letter concerning a conference to be held in Chicago on August 17, 1952, regarding the ROSENBERG case and requesting that all contributions be sent to the St. Louis ROSENBERG Committee, MARY E. FERGUSON, Chairman, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. b-7-D

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[REDACTED] b-7-D

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] One stated that the National Committee wanted 100,000 more signatures in the "Amicus Brief" and wanted 30,000 of them from the Midwest. [REDACTED] one of the most important things the National Committee needed was money; that so far they had collected about \$50,000 and would need \$25,000 more to carry on.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DAVID ALMAN
spoke to a group of approximately thirty people, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] St. Louis Office; CH 100-25530; memo of
SA CHARLES T. HAYNES dated 12-5-52.

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The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on un-American Activities in the House Report #1954 dated April 26, 1950.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. on September 17,

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1952, that the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee was organized to raise bail and defense funds and to solicit support for the five St. Louis Smith Act subjects. Since its inception, the Committee has been under the control and domination of the Communist Party in St. Louis.

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; b-7-D

According to [REDACTED] BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER has been a prominent member of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area for several years and assumed leadership of District 21, Communist Party, USA, since the arrest of JAMES FOREST, District Organizer of District 21, Communist Party, USA, in September, 1952. b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; b-7-D

HERSCHEL WALKER has been described [REDACTED] as a member of the St. Louis City Committee of the Communist Party in 1951. b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] spoke and urged all in attendance to write to the President b-7-D

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and Attorney General, urging clemency for the ROSENBERGS and asking for a review of the trial by the Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED] b-7-D

The Civil Rights Congress is an organization which has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[REDACTED] and spoke of the importance of saving the ROSENBERGS from the death sentence, indicating that if they died fascism would have won a victory in America. b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED] b-7-D
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LORETTA WAXMAN has been an active Communist in St. Louis for many years and in 1952 was Co-chairman of the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

ELLIOTT WAXMAN in 1952 was Press Director of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and a prominent member of the Communist Party for several years.

[REDACTED] described RED DAVIS as a militant Communist Party member [REDACTED] b-7-D

DOROTHY FOREST is a prominent member of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and one who is presently free on bond for alleged violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

[REDACTED] described HOMER HUDSON [REDACTED] as an active Communist Party member in the St. Louis area [REDACTED] b-7-D

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

The St. Louis Chapter of the Negro Labor Council is an organization which, according to [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA HUGH M. ANDERSON, was formed in St. Louis, Missouri, after the National Founding Convention of the organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October of 1951, and the St. Louis chapter is controlled and dominated by the members of the Communist Party although some of its members are not affiliated with the Communist Party. This informant has stated that the principal objectives of the St. Louis chapter are to eliminate segregation and obtain better working conditions for the Negroes in both industries and business concerns in the St. Louis area. b-7-D

At a party given under the auspices of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions on November 29, 1952, it was agreed by all present that everyone should figure out a postcard, asking President TRUMAN to commute the ROSENBERG sentence.

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

[REDACTED] b-7-D

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[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; b-7-D

JOHN PAPPADEMOS has been described by [REDACTED] as a youth group leader of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and held and still holds executive positions in the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee and the Neighborhood Folk Chorus [REDACTED] b-7-D

The Neighborhood Folk Chorus has been described by [REDACTED] as an interracial singing group which was organized in 1950 and 1951 by [REDACTED] HILLE, who has been associated with the Communist Party. [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; b-7-D

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[REDACTED] b-7-D

HOFFMAN, according to a communication of the CP in St. Louis in 1939, was a member of the City Committee of the CP of St. Louis. HOFFMAN was dropped from the Security Index in the St. Louis Division on June 12, 1945, but consideration is being given to placing him on Security Index again as the result of subversive trends in the "Appeal" publication which he edits.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; b-7-D
SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED] b-7-D
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; b-7-D
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; b-7-D
[REDACTED]

Several pamphlets, among which was "THE ROSENBERG CASE -- a fact sheet," published by the NCSJRC, were distributed to private homes in the vicinity of Eastgate and Delmar and between Skinker and Desperes between January 9 and 11, 1953.

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

On January 10, 1953, the SLCSJRC sponsored a picket line at St. Louis City Hall. Among those participating were BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER, HERSCHEL WALKER, SOL DERMAN, and HAVEN PERKINS.

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On January 10, 1953, the SLCSJRC held a demonstration in front of the St. Louis City Hall on behalf of the ROSENBERGS. Among those participating in the picketing were HAVEN PERKINS, SOL DERMAN, and BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER.

SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

In a report submitted by [redacted] St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, it was noted that a demonstration was carried on in front of City Hall, 1200 Market Street, by persons carrying banners which read as follows: (1) "Don't Make Orphans of Two Children," (2) "If Given Time, the ROSENBERGS Can Prove they are not Guilty," (3) "The Courts have made Mistakes Before," and (4) "Clemency for the ROSENBERGS." The officers present interviewed HAVEN PERKINS, chairman of the SLCSJRC, who stated that he was in charge of the pickets and that they were picketing in behalf of the ROSENBERG case.

[redacted] St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri; January 10, 1953; January 12, 1953; St. Louis Office, 100-11726-58.

[redacted] the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee at their headquarters at 4009 Lincoln, the walls in the room [redacted] were covered with posters which urged action in the ROSENBERG case.

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A. I. Evidence Showing Origin of Organization

On April 17, 1952, a meeting of the SLCSJRC was held at the Italian Fraternal Hall, 626 North Vandeventer, St. Louis, Missouri, at 8:30 p.m. The principal speaker at this meeting was DAVID ALMAN. The meeting was chaired by SOL DERMAN. The informant estimated that some twenty-five or thirty persons were in attendance.

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DAVID AIDMAN stated that he and five other friends of the ROSENBERGS had originated the NCSJRC and had met with great success, not only in the United States, but abroad as well. He stated that funds were now being collected to enable this case to be carried to the Supreme Court for the support of the ROSENBERG children, and last but not least, in order to send the wife of MARTIN SOHELL to Europe to speak in France, England, and Italy in behalf of her husband and the ROSENBERGS. He alleged that the Government had never proven that the ROSENBERGS were Communists and stated that he knew they were not because he had lived next door to them for a long time. He alleged that the ROSENBERGS had not been afforded a fair trial for the reason that they were Jewish. AIDMAN stated that the problem at present was to obtain a new trial based on the fact that the trial on which they were convicted was unfair and the verdict thereof was the result of hysteria. He pointed out that the ROSENBERG mass meetings were being held everywhere along with petitions being sent to the Supreme Court.

DOUGLAS MAC LEOD spoke and attempted to show that the trials in Foley Square, as well as other current trials, including the ROSENBERG one, were all in violation of the Constitution as were the Smith Act and the McCarran Act. [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR with information on April 21, 1952, dealing with attendance at the above described meeting. This information is filed in [REDACTED]. On April 21, 1952, [REDACTED] and on April 22, 1952, [REDACTED] personally furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR with one page leaflets announcing instant meeting, which leaflets are filed as exhibits in SL 100-11726-1A5 and 1A9, and which leaflets reflected that MARY FERGUSON is chairman of the SLCSJRC. There is no indication in the St. Louis files of any activity by instant organization prior to the above described meeting. [REDACTED] b-7-D

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[REDACTED] b-7-D

It was indicated that the strategy was to stress the point that the ROSENBERG sentences were too severe for the reason that individuals more prominent than they had received lighter sentences for the same offenses.

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[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR, [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

A. 2. Evidence Showing Existence of Organization on or After September 23, 1950

In addition to the meetings of the SLCSJRC as set forth above showing the existence of this organization after September 23, 1950, the following list

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of pamphlets and publications issued by the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case is being set out with proper documentation. Unless otherwise indicated, 100-11726 is the file in which the exhibits are located. These documents were received by St. Louis informants.

- (1) "THE ROSENBERG CASE -- a fact Sheet," published by the NCSJRC, 246 5th Avenue, New York 1, New York. This is a four page pamphlet indicating JOSEPH BRAININ as Provincial Chairman and DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary.

[REDACTED] (confidential source); April 16, 1952; SA WILLIAM B. THOMAS; 1A12.

[REDACTED] April 21, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A3.

[REDACTED] April 29, 1952; SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF; 1A16.

[REDACTED] May 1, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A10. b-7-D

[REDACTED] June 2, 1952; SA EDMUND C. WELTON; 1A15.

[REDACTED] January 12, 1953; SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]

- (2) "To Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case," by WILLIAM A. REUBEN. This is a paper brochure published by the NCSJRC, 246 5th Avenue, New York [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] April 21, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A1.

[REDACTED] May 1, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A11.

[REDACTED] December 1, 1952; SA STEPHEN J. BOYLE, III; b-7-D

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- (3) One page mimeographed sheet captioned "St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case," CO 7001, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis 12, Missouri. Instant exhibit calls for all those believing that the ROSENBERGS did not have a fair trial to (a) collect contributions and send all money to MARY E. FERGUSON at the above address or send it directly to the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, 105 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York; (b) write or wire President TRUMAN; (c) reach all new groups with the facts in the case.

[REDACTED] October 18, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] October 18, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] October 23, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A23.

[REDACTED] November 3, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A24.

[REDACTED] November 24, 1952; SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF; 1A25.

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- (4) A one-page, mimeographed sheet captioned NCSJRC, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., MU 5-2144 -- "Fact Sheet on Anti-Semitism in the Case: Newspaper Comment". Instant pamphlet sets forth quotations from several newspapers relative to the interests of the ROSENBERGs.

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SA E. C. WELTON 1A-14
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SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-32

- (7) One page mimeographed sheet on which the following appears "Don't Miss This Opportunity - Hear the Facts of This Supremely Important Case. You Can Help Save Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. You Can Help Preserve Justice For All of Us. Hear David Alman, Executive Secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, writer and neighbor of the Rosenbergs

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for several years. Hear a recording made at the Rosenberg mass meeting in New York on March 12th -- Thursday April 17th, 8:30 P.M.; 629 N. Vandeventer (near Delmar) - St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, address all communications to Mary E. Ferguson, Chairman, 1225 Goodfellow".

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-9
SA W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-16
SA E. C. WELTON 1A-13

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- (8) Two-page, mimeographed leaflet captioned New Haven Civil Liberties Council (affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union), NATHAN E. WEISS, Secretary, 392 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn., and dated 11-23-52 "For Immediate Release". Instant leaflet is a letter addressed to President TRUMAN requesting executive clemency for the ROSENBERGS and signed "Issued as a public service by SLCSJRC, Box 1233 Central Station, St. Louis, Mo."

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- (9) A green one-page, mimeographed sheet captioned "The Rosenbergs Must Not Die", and issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233 Central Station, St. Louis, Mo.

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- (11) Two-page, printed leaflet captioned comments from the Jewish press on clemency for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and issued by NCSJRC, 1050 6th Ave., New York 18, N.Y. Instant pamphlet bears a stamp "Hear Rabbi Yampal Jan. 7, (Wednesday) 6141 Etzel".

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- (12) Two-page, newspaper type pamphlet captioned "People Rallying to Save Rosenbergs -- Rosenbergs Must Not Die!" issued by NCSJRC, 1050 6th Ave., New York 18, N.Y., BR 9-9694.

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[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-17
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(Confidential Source) 8-13-52 SA W. B. THOMAS 65-676-1A

- (14) One-page, mimeographed sheet captioned "A Call to A National Clemency and Prayer Gathering for Mercy for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell on January 4th and 5th, 1953 at Washington, D. C."

[REDACTED] 12-19-52

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[REDACTED] a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the Chicago Daily News entitled "You Can Save Them From Death in the Electric Chair". This advertisement represented an open letter addressed to President HARRY S. TRUMAN requesting executive clemency.

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12-16-52 SA J. H. LUDLUM 1A-30
12-17-50 SA C. S. SMITH 1A-29
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12-19-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-37
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- (16) A one-page, printed sheet captioned "Amicus Brief in the Rosenberg Case", requesting signatures petitioning the Supreme Court to set aside the verdicts and sentences in the Rosenberg case. Instant sheet was printed by the NCSJRC 246 5th Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

[REDACTED]
4-22-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-6
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
8-4-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-18
8-5-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-19

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- (18) One-page, green, mimeographed sheet dated 11-19-52 addressed "Dear St. Louisan" and signed Mrs. MARY E. FERGUSON - SOL DERMAN, SLCSJRC, 1455 Rowan Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo. Instant letter requests wires or letters to President TRUMAN beseeching executive clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

[REDACTED]
11-26-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-27
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- (20) A blue printed card entitled "We Are Innocent - Ethel and Julius Rosenberg", advertising a meeting under the auspices of the Chicago Committee SJRC on Saturday, August 16th at Curtis Hall, 4th floor, Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan.

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- (21) A two-page, printed pamphlet entitled "Should These Two People Die?" and issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri. On the back of instant pamphlet: "A mercy rally, with Rabbi S. Burr Yampal of Chicago as principal speaker, to be held at Tpheris Israel Congregation, 6912 Delmar," is advertised.

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SA C. F. BRESNAHAN

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SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.

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- (23) Two copies of "ASP News Letter", published by St. Louis Chapter of ASP, in which an article appears entitled "Don't Put It Off Any Longer," requesting letters to President TRUMAN for executive clemency to the ROSENBERGS.

12-19-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8235-1A-129
12-15-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8235-1A-130

- (24) One page mimeographed sheet captioned "The Progressive Party" and dated October 15, 1952. Instant sheet is addressed "Dear Friend" and signed SOL DERMAN, Executive Secretary, Progressive Party of Missouri. In the article a request is made to write to President TRUMAN to set aside the death sentence and to send money to the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, N.Y. b-7-D

10-23-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8050-1A-241

In the December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Column 1, Page 2-B, of the Editorial Section, in an article captioned "Letters From The People", clemency for the ROSENBERGS was requested, stating that the death sentence was too severe. The following is an excerpt from the article: "If the Rosenbergs die in the electric chair, everyone will have to start worrying. For from then on anybody McCARDY or McCARRAN accused of being a Communist and against whom one witness could be persuaded could be in jeopardy. We urge everybody to write to President Truman asking him to grant clemency". Signed HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman, SLCSJRC.

Volume I, Number 11 issue of "The Appeal", 2316 Palm Street, St. Louis 7, Missouri, published and edited by JOSEPH and ALICE HOFFMAN, featured an article entitled "People Rallying to Save Rosenbergs" and showing how religious and other leaders were protesting the death sentence of the young Jewish couple. It is to be noted that JOSEPH HOFFMAN is the subject of a security investigation in the St. Louis Office.

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In a full page advertisement appearing in the A Section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of Monday, January 5, 1953, captioned "Must the Rosenbergs Die", an appeal is made for clemency from "Americans". Letters from persons of other countries were also cited in this advertisement and a request was made to write or wire President TRUMAN and to send money to the Emergency Committee of the Arts and Professions to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs, 108 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York. This article stated that the advertisement was paid for by popular subscription and published by the Emergency Committee of the Arts and Professions to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs, Dr. CLEMENS J. FRANCE, Chairman, and BERNARD GERSTEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

Under the caption "Aldermen's Aid Asked to Save Rosenbergs" in an article appearing in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat on January 9, 1953. It stated that the Board of Aldermen in St. Louis were requested to pass a resolution asking President TRUMAN to grant executive clemency to ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. The request was made by HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman of the SLCSJRC, 3715 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

A. 3. National Offices, Both Past and Present

DAVID ALMAN, described by the informant as Executive Secretary of the National Committee SJRC, spoke at a meeting of the St. Louis Committee SJRC on April 17, 1952 at Italian Fraternal Hall, 626 N. Vandeventer, and during his talk stated that he and five other friends of the ROSENBERGs had originated the National Committee which had met with great success in the United States and abroad as well. He also stated that funds were being collected to enable the case to be carried to the Supreme Court. ALMAN pointed out that the ROSENBERG mass meetings being held everywhere, along with petitions being sent to the Supreme Court, would sway the judges. [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR

[REDACTED] 62-1653A b-7-D

[REDACTED] furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR a leaflet advertising the DAVID ALMAN meeting described above. These leaflets are maintained in 100-11726-1A-5 and 9. b-7-D

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In a four-page pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg Case, a Fact Sheet", published by NCSJRC and received by the informants listed below, JOSEPH BRAININ was listed as Provisional Chairman of the SLCSJRC and DAVID ALMAN Executive Secretary.

4-16-52 SA W. B. THOMAS 100-11726-1A-12

(Confidential Source)

4-21-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-11726-1A-3
4-29-52 SA W. A. HILGENDORF 100-11726-1A-16
5-1-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-11726-1A-10
6-2-52 SA E. C. WELTON 100-11726-1A-15
1-12-53 SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. b-7-D

B. 1. Evidence of Communist Party Affiliations of Officers
Both National and Local

HAVEN PERKINS

In a one-page, mimeographed sheet addressed "Dear St. Louisan", with return address Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri, and dated December 15, 1952, a letter of petition was issued and signed by the SLCSJRC, HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman, SOL DERMAN, Secretary-Treasurer.

(previously documented)

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR b-7-D

SA C. R. O'CONNOR b-7-D

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HAVEN PERKINS signed his name as Chairman of the SLCSJRC to an article printed in the December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Column 1, Page 2-B of the Editorial Section. In this article he requested clemency for the ROSENBERGS, stating that their death sentence had been too severe.

MARY FERGUSON

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D

CHARLOTTE SCHACHTER

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D

JOHN PAPPADEMOS

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D
SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.
SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

SOL DERMAN

In literature distributed by the SLCSJRC (100-11726-1A-36 and 1A-38) in 1952, SOL DERMAN's name appeared under the title Secretary-Treasurer..

(previously described and documented)

THUMBNAILS

HAVEN PERKINS

[REDACTED] a Communist Party member [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished a signed statement
to SA DAVID P. WEITEKAMP and SA F. J. GAFFNEY of the Springfield Division in June, 1952, in which he stated that he had known HAVEN PERKINS to be a Communist Party organizer in the Peoria, Illinois area [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] identified PERKINS as a CP organizer in the Springfield area in 1944. He furnished a signed statement to this effect on September 14, 1951 to SA ROBERT J. FAIR and SA PETER C. CLEMENTE, both of the Springfield Division. b-7-D

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that HAVEN PER [REDACTED] was active in the Progressive Party of Missouri during the 1952 elections.

[REDACTED] has advised SA CARL R. O'CONNOR that the Progressive Party of Missouri, since its inception, has been under the complete control and domination of the CP. b-7-D

MARY FERGUSON

[REDACTED] advised SA HUGH M. ANDERSON on November 15, 1952 that MARY FERGUSON was a member of a CP group which was almost non-existent because of its lack of money and its failure to hold meetings.

[REDACTED] has advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that MARY FERGUSON is active in the St. Louis Chapter of the ASP and presently active in the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

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[REDACTED]

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On January 9, 1953 [redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that MARY FERGUSON was a [redacted] member of the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

JOHN PAPPADEMOS

On November 26, 1952 and December 12 and 19, 1952, [redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that JOHN PAPPADEMOS is a youth group leader of District 21, CP - USA, and currently holds an executive position on the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee and the Neighborhood Folk Chorus. [redacted] b-7-D

On November 11th and 26th, 1952 and December 11th and 24th, 1952, [redacted] furnished substantially the same information to SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [redacted] b-7-D

SOL DERMAN

[redacted] advised SA CARL R. O'CONNOR on April 22, 1952 that SOL DERMAN was the principal official in the Communist dominated and controlled Progressive Party of Missouri in the St. Louis area and who has been further described by former [redacted] of known reliability, as having been organizer for the Professional Branch of the CP in Missouri during 1946. [redacted] b-7-D

SOL DERMAN, according to [redacted], who furnished information to SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. on January 9, 1953, is an active member of the SLEDC [redacted] b-7-D

- C. 1. Extent to Which Support, Financial or Otherwise, is Derived from the Communist Party

[redacted] the Civil Rights Congress (an organization which has been declared by the Attorney [redacted] b-7-D

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General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835) urged all in attendance to write to the President and the Attorney General urging clemency for the ROSENBERGS and asking for a revision of their trial by the Supreme Court. He said that if the ROSENBERGS were sent to their death, the door was open to Fascism in the United States. b-7-D

SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.

has advised SA EDMUND C. WELTON and SA HUGH M. ANDERSON that the St. Louis Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council was formed in St. Louis, Missouri after the National Founding Convention of the organization was held in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 26th through 28th, 1951, and that the St. Louis Chapter is controlled and dominated by members of the Communist Party, although some of its members are not affiliated with the Communist Party. b-7-D

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2. A. Extent to Which Organization Funds, Resources and Personnel Are Utilized to Promote Objectives of the Communist Party

The specific objective of the SLCSJRC has been to prevent the execution of the ROSENBERGs. The personnel, funds and resources of the organization are directed to this end. As evidenced throughout previous sections in this letter, the CP and CP front organizations in St. Louis have assisted in this objective.

2. B. Extent Which Policy of and Positions Taken by the Organization Do Not Deviate from the Communist Party Line

Daily Worker, April 9, 1951, Page 1 (Editorial)
"The brutality of Judge Kaufman's death sentence in this so-called 'judicial process' staged amid hysteria with no other evidence but the uncorroborated word of government witnesses is an effort to make people realize what they refuse to realize. That is, that they must view war with the Soviet Union as 'inevitable' or be considered 'potential spies' and 'saboteurs'".

One-page, green, mimeographed sheet captioned "The Rosenbergs Must Not Die", issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

(previously documented)

Two-page, printed pamphlet captioned "Should These Two People Die?" and advertising a mercy rally to be held on January 7, 1953 at 6912 Delmar, issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

"Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were indicted in 1950 charged with giving atomic secrets to Russia in 1944, when she was our war-time ally. They have maintained that they did not do it. They were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Many Americans believe there is grave and reasonable doubt about their guilt. They were convicted on the unsupported

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testimony of David Greenglass, a confessed spy. Now an FBI agent has bestified under oath that some of the evidence was perjured."

"Already there are grave doubts about the fairness of the Rosenberg trial. An FBI Agent has testified under oath that the government knowingly used perjured testimony. Shall we wake up to find the Rosenbergs are innocent - but too late. It would be better to let them live at prison so that if they are not guilty they will have a chance to prove it."

It is to be noted that portions of pamphlets and publications issued by the NCSJRC in New York evidencing adherence to the CP line are not being herein set out inasmuch as instant publications have already been documented and it is presumed that the New York Office already has copies of same.

St. Louis Security Informants have advised the SLCSJRC has emphasized the racial discrimination aspect of the case against the ROSENBERGS and it is the principle contention of this group that the death sentence for the ROSENBERGS is too severe. No appropriate quotation from the "CP Line" file could be found to compare these two features of the St. Louis ROSENBERG Committee campaign.

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During the preparation of this letter, additional information has been received on a daily basis concerning the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. In order to bring the enclosed information to the attention of the New York Division as expeditiously as possible, this letter is being sent at this time. Additional information will be furnished as soon as possible.

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The New York Division is requested to notify the St. Louis Office if it desires this additional information be forwarded in summary form or by letter.

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APPENDIX I

Witnesses

As previously noted, informants used in this letter, unless otherwise indicated, are not available to testify as they are unexposed and live.

[REDACTED] has advised SA WILLIAM B. THOMAS that he is willing to testify to the information he has furnished. 6-7-0

The availability as witnesses of former [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is unknown at this time but will be ascertained at the request of the New York Division.

APPENDIX IIExhibits

The following exhibits, in triplicate, which have been previously described and documented, are forwarded as enclosures to this letter:

EXHIBIT NO.DESCRIPTION

1	Item No. 3 of Section I-A2.
2	Item No. 4 of Section I-A2.
3	Item No. 5 of Section I-A2.
4	Item No. 6 of Section I-A2.
5	Item No. 7 of Section I-A2.
6	Item No. 8 of Section I-A2.
7	Item No. 9 of Section I-A2.
8	Item No. 10 of Section I-A2.
9	Item No. 13 of Section I-A2.
10	Item No. 14 of Section I-A2.
11	Item No. 15 of Section I-A2.
12	Item No. 17 of Section I-A2.
13	Item No. 18 of Section I-A2.
14	Item No. 19 of Section I-A2.
15	Item No. 20 of Section I-A2.
16	Item No. 21 of Section I-A2.
17	Item No. 24 of Section I-A2.
18	December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Part II, Page 2-B.
19	Volume I, No. 11 issue of "The Appeal".
20	January 5, 1953 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch; A Section - reverse side of Page 10-A.
21	January 9, 1953 issue of the Globe-Democrat, Page 7-A.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, ST. LOUIS BRANCH
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Bourlet dated January 16, 1953.

Informants hereinafter mentioned are of known reliability and unless otherwise indicated are not available to testify as they are unexposed and live.

In this letter the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case will be referred to as NCSJRC and the St. Louis branch of this organization as SLCSJRC.

I. EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS
SUBSTANTIALLY DIRECTED, DOMINATED, OR
CONTROLLED BY THE CP, USA

[REDACTED] is DAVID ALMAN, who has been described [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of known reliability, as Executive Secretary of the NCSJRC.
[REDACTED] SOL DERMAN who in-
formant described as the principal official in the Communist dominated
and controlled Progressive Party of Missouri in the St. Louis area and
who has been further described by [REDACTED] of known reliability,
as having been organizer for the Professional Branch of the Communist
Party in St. Louis during 1946.
[REDACTED] DOUGLAS
MAC LEON [REDACTED] was an active member of the
Professional Branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis during 1946, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] serves as legal counsel
for the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, ex-
plained treason as defined by the U. S. Constitution. He attempted to
show that the trials in Foley Square as well as other trials at present,
including the ROSENBERG trial, were all in violation of the constitution
as were the Smith Act and the McCarran Act. He suggested that the Bill
of Rights had been torn into scraps of paper.

SA CARL R. O'DONNOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has advised that MARY E. FERGUSON is Secretary of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions which this informant has stated for the most part follows the line of the Communist Party and extolls the virtues of the Soviet Union, and that a number of speeches in this connection have been given before this organization during recent years by out of town speakers. The same informant has stated that for several years the Chairman of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been Dr. SOL LONDE, who has been described by [REDACTED] as having been a member of the sub rosa branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a paper was passed around for signatures for the petition on the ROSENBERG case and money was solicited to enable them to get a new trial in the Supreme Court.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has advised that the St. Louis Peace Committee was formed by District 21, Communist Party, USA, to disseminate propaganda in the furtherance of the current Communist Party line of agitating for peace. This informant stated that the St. Louis Peace Committee has at all times been under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] copies of the "Amicus Brief in the ROSENBERG Case" had been passed around for all those present to sign.

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██████████ advised that MARY FERGUSON is the Secretary of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions in St. Louis.

there were several petitions, "Amicus Brief in the ROSENBERG Case," and a container for donations in evidence.

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[REDACTED] which contained an enclosure, "A Call to Conference," by the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, which announced a midwestern conference to be held on August 17, 1952. b-7-D

[REDACTED] that a statement had been made asking people to come to Chicago to a conference to help the ROSENBERGS. b-7-D

[REDACTED] was stated that the Progressive Party of Missouri, since its inception, has been under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] received a letter concerning a conference to be held in Chicago on August 17, 1952, regarding the ROSENBERG case and requesting that all contributions be sent to the St. Louis ROSENBERG Committee, b-7-D
MARY E. FERGUSON, Chairman, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] one stated that the National Committee wanted 100,000 more signatures in the "Amicus Brief" and wanted 30,000 of them from the Midwest. [REDACTED] one of the most important things the National Committee needed was money; that so far they had collected about \$50,000 and would need \$25,000 more to carry on. b-7-D

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DAVID ALLEN
spoke to a group of approximately thirty people, [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] St. Louis Office; CH 100-25530; memo of SA CHARLES T. HAYES dated 12-3-52. b-7-D

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on un-American Activities in the House Report #1954 dated April 26, 1950.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. on September 17, b-7-D

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1952, that the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee was organized to raise bail and defense funds and to solicit support for the five St. Louis Smith Act subjects. Since its inception, the Committee has been under the control and domination of the Communist Party in St. Louis.

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

According to [REDACTED] BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER has been a prominent member of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area for several years and assumed leadership of District 21, Communist Party, USA, since the arrest of JAMES FOREST, District Organizer of District 21, Communist Party, USA, in September, 1952.

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

[REDACTED] b-7-D

HERSCHEL WALKER has been described by [REDACTED] as a member of the St. Louis City Committee of the Communist Party in 1951.

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] spoke and urged all in attendance to write to the President

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and Attorney General, urging clemency for the ROSENBERGS and asking for a review of the trial by the Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

The Civil Rights Congress is an organization which has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[REDACTED] spoke of the importance of saving the ROSENBERGS from the death sentence, indicating that if they died fascism would have won a victory in America. b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

LORETTA WAXMAN has been an active Communist in St. Louis for many years and in 1952 was Co-chairman of the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee. b-7-D

ELLIOTT WAXMAN in 1952 was Press Director of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and a prominent member of the Communist Party for several years.

[REDACTED] described RED DAVIS as a militant Communist Party member [REDACTED]

DOROTHY FOREST is a prominent member of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and one who is presently free on bond for alleged violation of the Smith Act of 1940. b-7-D

[REDACTED] described ROMEO HUDSON [REDACTED] as an active Communist Party member in the St. Louis area [REDACTED] b-7-D

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] November 28, 1952; December 2, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. TUTTIS, JR.;

The St. Louis Chapter of the Negro Labor Council is an organization which, according to [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA HUGH H. ANDERSON, was formed in St. Louis, Missouri, after the National Founding Convention of the organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October of 1951, and the St. Louis chapter is controlled and dominated by the members of the Communist Party although some of its members are not affiliated with the Communist Party. This informant has stated that the principal objectives of the St. Louis chapter are to eliminate segregation and obtain better working conditions for the Negroes in both industries and business concerns in the St. Louis area.

At a party given under the auspices of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions on November 29, 1952, it was agreed by all present that everyone should figure out a postcard, asking President TRUMAN to commute the ROSENBERG sentence. b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. TUTTIS, JR.;
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

[REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 194-69A.

JOHN PAPPADENOS has been described by [REDACTED] as a youth group leader of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and one [REDACTED] held and still holds executive positions in the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee and the Neighborhood Folk Chorus [REDACTED] b-7-D

The Neighborhood Folk Chorus has been described by [REDACTED] as an interracial singing group which was organized in 1950 and 1951 by WALTER HILL, who has been associated with the Communist Party. [REDACTED] the function of the Neighborhood Folk Chorus was to educate its members who were "on the fringe" and to get them into the Communist Party. b-7-D

[REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

[REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of b-7-D

HOFFMAN, according to a communication of the CP in St. Louis in 1939, was a member of the City Committee of the CP of St. Louis. HOFFMAN was dropped from the Security Index in the St. Louis Division on June 12, 1945, but consideration is being given to placing him on Security Index again as the result of subversive trends in the "Appeal" publication which he edits.

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] CARL P. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]
SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CARL P. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CARL P. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA CARL E. QUINNOR; [REDACTED] b-7-D

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILKIS, JR.;
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILKIS, JR.; b-7-D

Several pamphlets, among which was "THE ROSENBERG CASE -- a fact sheet," published by the NCSJRC, were distributed to private homes in the vicinity of Eastgate and Delmar and between Skinker and Desperes between January 9 and 11, 1953.

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILKIS, JR.;

On January 10, 1953, the NCSJRC sponsored a picket line at St. Louis City Hall. Among those participating were BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER, HERSCHEL WALKER, SOL DEWMAN, and HAVEN PERKINS.

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[REDACTED] CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR., [REDACTED] b-7-D

On January 10, 1953, the SLCSJRC held a demonstration in front of the St. Louis City Hall on behalf of the ROSENBERGS. Among those participating in the picketing were HAVEN PERKINS, SOL DERMAN, and BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER.

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

In a report submitted by [REDACTED] St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, it was noted that a demonstration was carried on in front of City Hall, 1200 Market Street, by persons carrying banners which read as follows: (1) "Don't Make Orphans of Two Children," (2) "If Given Time, the ROSENBERGS Can Prove they are not Guilty," (3) "The Courts have made Mistakes Before," and (4) "Clemency for the ROSENBERGS." The officers present interviewed HAVEN PERKINS, chairman of the SLCSJRC, who stated that he was in charge of the pickets and that they were picketing in behalf of the ROSENBERG case. b-7-D

[REDACTED] St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri; January 10, 1953; January 12, 1953; St. Louis Office, 100-11726-58.

[REDACTED] The St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee at their headquarters at 4009 Lincoln, the walls in the room [REDACTED] were covered with posters which urged action in the ROSENBERG case. b-7-D

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A. I. Evidence Showing Origin of Organization

On April 17, 1952, a meeting of the SLCSJRC was held at the Italian Fraternal Hall, 626 North Vandeventer, St. Louis, Missouri, at 8:30 p.m. The principal speaker at this meeting was DAVID ALMAN. The meeting was chaired by SOL DERMAN. The informant estimated that some twenty-five or thirty persons were in attendance.

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DAVID AIDMAN stated that he and five other friends of the ROSENBERGS had originated the NCSJRC and had met with great success, not only in the United States, but abroad as well. He stated that funds were now being collected to enable this case to be carried to the Supreme Court for the support of the ROSENBERG children, and last but not least, in order to send the wife of MARTIN SOBELL to Europe to speak in France, England, and Italy in behalf of her husband and the ROSENBERGS. He alleged that the Government had never proven that the ROSENBERGS were Communists and stated that he knew they were not because he had lived next door to them for a long time. He alleged that the ROSENBERGS had not been afforded a fair trial for the reason that they were Jewish. AIDMAN stated that the problem at present was to obtain a new trial based on the fact that the trial on which they were convicted was unfair and the verdict thereof was the result of hysteria. He pointed out that the ROSENBERG mass meetings were being held everywhere along with petitions being sent to the Supreme Court.

DOUGLAS MAC LEOD spoke and attempted to show that the trials in Foley Square, as well as other current trials, including the ROSENBERG one, were all in violation of the Constitution as were the Smith Act and the McCarran Act.

SA CARL R. O'CONNOR;

[redacted] furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR with information on April 21, 1952, dealing with attendance at the above described meeting. This information is filed in [redacted]. On April 21, 1952, [redacted] and on April 22, 1952, [redacted] personally furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR with one page leaflets announcing instant meeting, which leaflets are filed as exhibits in SL 100-11726-1A5 and 1A9, and which leaflets reflected that MARY FERGUSON is chairman of the NCSJRC. There is no indication in the St. Louis files of any activity by instant organization prior to the above described meeting.

It was indicated that

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...had received lighter sentences for the same offenses.

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2. Evidence Showing Existence of Organization on or After September 23, 1950

In addition to the meetings of the SLCSJRC as set forth in the above, the existence of this organization was also demonstrated by the following:

In addition to the meetings of the SLCSJRC as set forth above showing the existence of this organization after September 23, 1950, the following list

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of pamphlets and publications issued by the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case is being set out with proper documentation. Unless otherwise indicated, 100-11726 is the file in which the exhibits are located. These documents were received by St. Louis informants.

- (1) "THE ROSENBERG CASE -- a fact Sheet," published by the NCSJRC, 246 5th Avenue, New York 1, New York. This is a four page pamphlet indicating JOSEPH WATSON as Provincial Chairman and DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary.

[REDACTED] (confidential source); April 16, 1952; SA THOMAS E. THOMAS; 1A12.

[REDACTED] April 21, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A3.

[REDACTED] April 29, 1952; SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF; 1A16.

[REDACTED] May 1, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A10.

[REDACTED] June 2, 1952; SA EDWARD C. WELTON; 1A15.

[REDACTED] January 12, 1953; SA CLAUDE E. WILKINS, JR.; [REDACTED]

- (2) "To Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case," by WILLIAM A. RUBEN. This is a paper brochure published by the NCSJRC, 246 5th Avenue, New York. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] April 21, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A1.

[REDACTED] May 1, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A11.

[REDACTED] December 1, 1952; SA STEPHEN J. BOYLE, III;

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- (3) One page mimeographed sheet captioned "St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case," CO 7001, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis 12, Missouri. Instant exhibit calls for all those believing that the ROSENBERGS did not have a fair trial to (a) collect contributions and send all money to MARY E. FERGUSON at the above address or send it directly to the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, 105 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York; (b) write or wire President TRUMAN; (c) reach all new groups with the facts in the case.

[REDACTED] October 18, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] October 18, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] October 23, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A23.

[REDACTED] November 3, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A24.

[REDACTED] November 24, 1952; SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF; 1A25.

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- (4) A one-page, mimeographed sheet captioned WCSJRC, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., MU 5-2144 -- "Fact Sheet on Anti-Semitism in the Case: Newspaper Comment". Instant pamphlet sets forth quotations from several newspapers relative to the interests of the ROSENBERGs.

[REDACTED] 4-21-52

[REDACTED] 4-22-52

[REDACTED] 4-29-52

[REDACTED] 6-2-52

[REDACTED] 11-24-52

SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-2

SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-7

SA W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-16

SA E. C. WELTON 1A-14

SA W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-25 b-7-D

[REDACTED] 4-21-52

[REDACTED] 4-22-52

[REDACTED] 4-29-52

SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-4

SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-8

SA W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-16

[REDACTED] 12-4-52

SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-32

- (7) One page mimeographed sheet on which the following appears "Don't Miss This Opportunity - Hear the Facts of This Supremely Important Case. You Can Help Save Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. You Can Help Preserve Justice For All of Us. Hear David Alman, Executive Secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, writer and neighbor of the Rosenbergs

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for several years. Hear a recording made at the Rosenberg mass meeting in New York on March 12th -- Thursday April 17th, 8:30 P.M., 629 N. Vandeventer (near Delmar) - St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, address all communications to Mary E. Ferguson, Chairman, 1225 Goodfellow".

[REDACTED] 4-21-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-5
[REDACTED] 4-22-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-9
[REDACTED] 4-29-52 SA W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-16
[REDACTED] 6-2-52 SA E. C. WELTON 1A-13

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- (8) Two-page, mimeographed leaflet captioned New Haven Civil Liberties Council (affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union), NATHAN H. WEISS, Secretary, 392 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn., and dated 11-23-52 "For Immediate Release". Instant leaflet is a letter addressed to President TRUMAN requesting executive clemency for the ROSENBERGs and signed "Issued as a public service by SLCSJRC, Box 1233 Central Station, St. Louis, Mo."

[REDACTED] 12-17-52 SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 12-19-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-35

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- (9) A green one-page, mimeographed sheet captioned "The Rosenbergs Must Not Die", and issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233 Central Station, St. Louis, Mo.

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[REDACTED] 12-19-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-35

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- (11) Two-page, printed leaflet captioned comments from the Jewish press on clemency for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and issued by NCSJRC, 1050 6th Ave., New York 18, N.Y. Instant pamphlet bears a stamp "Hear Rabbi Yampal Jan. 7, (Wednesday) 6141 Etzel".

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-33

- (12) Two-page, newspaper type pamphlet captioned "People Rallying to Save Rosenbergs -- Rosenbergs Must Not Die!" issued by NCSJRC, 1050 6th Ave., New York 18, N.Y., BR 9-9694. b-7-D

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SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. 1A-28

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[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-17
SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-20

(Confidential Source) 8-13-52 SA W. B. THOMAS 65-676-1A

- (14) One-page, mimeographed sheet captioned "A Call to A National Clemency and Prayer Gathering for Mercy for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell on January 4th and 5th, 1953 at Washington, D. C."

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-36

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[REDACTED] a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the Chicago Daily News entitled "You Can Save Them From Death in the Electric Chair". This advertisement represented an open letter addressed to President HARRY S. TRUMAN requesting executive clemency.

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12-16-52	SA J. H. LUDLUM	1A-30
12-17-50	SA C. S. SMITH	1A-29
12-19-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-36
12-19-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-37
12-24-52	SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.	[REDACTED]

- (16) A one-page, printed sheet captioned "Amicus Brief in the Rosenberg Case", requesting signatures petitioning the Supreme Court to set aside the verdicts and sentences in the Rosenberg case. Instant sheet was printed by the NCSJRC 246 5th Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

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4-22-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-6
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8-4-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-16
8-5-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-19

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- (18) One-page, green, mimeographed sheet dated 11-19-52 addressed "Dear St. Louisan" and signed Mrs. MARY E. FERGUSON - SOL DERMAN, SLCSJRC, 1455 Rowan Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo. Instant letter requests wires or letters to President TRUMAN beseeching executive clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

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11-26-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-27
11-25-52	SA C. E. O'CONNOR	1A-26

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- (21) A two-page, printed pamphlet entitled "Should These Two People Die?" and issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri. On the back of instant pamphlet: "A mercy rally, with Rabbi S. Burr Yampal of Chicago as principal speaker, to be held at Tpheris Israel Congregation, 6912 Delmar," is advertised.

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SA C. E. WILLIS, JR

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- (23) Two copies of "ASP News Letter", published by St. Louis Chapter of ASP, in which an article appears entitled "Don't Put It Off Any Longer," requesting letters to President TRUMAN for executive clemency to the ROSENBERGS.

[REDACTED] 12-19-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8235-1A-129
12-15-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8235-1A-130
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- (24) One page mimeographed sheet captioned "The Progressive Party" and dated October 15, 1952. Instant sheet is addressed "Dear Friend" and signed SOL DERMAN, Executive Secretary, Progressive Party of Missouri. In the article a request is made to write to President TRUMAN to set aside the death sentence and to send money to the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, N.Y.

[REDACTED] 10-23-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8050-1A-241
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In the December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Column 1, Page 2-B, of the Editorial Section, in an article captioned "Letters From The People", clemency for the ROSENBERGS was requested, stating that the death sentence was too severe. The following is an excerpt from the article: "If the Rosenbergs die in the electric chair, everyone will have to start worrying. For from then on anybody McCARDY or MCCARRAN accused of being a Communist and against whom one witness could be persuaded could be in jeopardy. We urge everybody to write to President Truman asking him to grant clemency". Signed HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman, SLCSJRC.

Volume I, Number 11 issue of "The Appeal", 2316 Palm Street, St. Louis 7, Missouri, published and edited by JOSEPH and ALICE HOFFMAN, featured an article entitled "People Rallying to Save Rosenbergs" and showing how religious and other leaders were protesting the death sentence of the young Jewish couple. It is to be noted that JOSEPH HOFFMAN is the subject of a security investigation in the St. Louis Office.